

AGREE-WENT WITH OUTSIDE COUNSEL

THIS AGREEMENT ("this Agreement") is between the State of Indiana acting by and through the Office of the Indiana Attorney General (hereinafter the "State") and William Jonelis, whose address is 9337 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN 46321 (hereinafter "Counsel").

WHEREAS, the State desires to engage Counsel to assist in pursuing certain collection activities in Lake, Porter, Laporte and St. Joseph counties through proceedings supplemental, and Counsel is willing to render such services.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises and covenants set forth below, it is agreed by and between the State and Counsel as follows:

1. **Duties of Counsel.** Counsel shall perform the following legal services in Lake, Porter, Laporte, St Joseph, Starke, Pulaski, Jasper, and Newton counties: The State may refer to Counsel cases in which it has obtained a monetary judgment. Counsel shall pursue the judgments through proceedings supplemental, with the goal of securing a Final Order of Garnishment. Counsel shall control the scheduling of the proceedings so that multiple cases may be scheduled at the same time. Counsel shall send the State a one-page summary of the result of each case. Pursuant to IC 4-6-5-3, the Indiana Attorney General hereby appoints, employs and hires Counsel to provide the Legal Services. Counsel shall execute his responsibilities by following and applying the highest professional standards.

2. **Consideration.** Counsel shall be paid a flat fee for each court appearance on a new matter. Counsel will not be paid for court appearances arising from continuances. Any pleadings, such as a Final Order in Garnishment or an Order to Show Cause, arising from the court appearance shall be included within the flat fee. This fee shall be on a sliding scale depending on the number of cases consolidated for hearings on the same day. The fees are as follows:

<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>Lake</u>	<u>Porter</u>	<u>LaPorte</u>	<u>St. Joseph</u>	<u>Other</u>
1-5	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
6 or more	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$45.00

By way of example, a flat fee for 7 hearings in Lake County would be \$295.00; in Porter and Laporte Counties, the fee would be \$305; in St. Joseph County, the fee would be \$340.00; and in Starke, Pulaski, Jasper, and Newton (collectively "Other") counties, the fee would be \$340.00. The total remuneration under this Agreement shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). Counsel shall submit monthly invoices to the State showing with particularity the date and description of the Legal Services rendered. All payments shall be made in arrears in conformance with State fiscal policies and procedures and, as required by IC 4-13-2-14.8, by electronic funds transfer to the financial institution designated by the Contractor in writing unless a specific waiver has been obtained from the Auditor of State. No payments will be made in advance of receipt of the goods or services that are the subject of this Contract except as permitted by IC 4-13-2-20.

3. Term. This Agreement is for a period is for one (1) year beginning on December 1,2005 and ending on December 1,2006. It may be renewed or extended only by **written** agreement.

4. Access to Files and Records. The State shall have full, immediate, and unrestricted access to the work product of Counsel during the term of this Agreement. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, Counsel shall, **without** further request and at no cost to the State. turn over to the State all files relating to the work performed under this Agreement. Counsel acknowledges that he may be required to submit to an audit of funds paid pursuant to this Agreement, and shall maintain at his offices all books, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred and invoiced under this Agreement. Such materials shall be available during the term of this Agreement and for three (3) years from the date of termination or expiration, for inspection by the State or its authorized designee. Copies thereof shall be furnished at no cost to the State if requested.

5. Assignment. Counsel shall not assign any part of the Legal Services to be performed under this Agreement to a third party without the State's prior **written** consent. Counsel may assign his right to receive payments to such third parties as he may desire without the prior written consent of the State, provided that Counsel gives written notice (including evidence of such assignment) to the State thirty (30) days in advance of any **payment** so assigned. The assignment shall cover all unpaid amounts under this Agreement and shall not be made to more than one party.

6. Changes in Work. Counsel shall not change scope of the Legal Services to be performed pursuant to this **Agreement** or undertake additional work on behalf of the State unless authorized in **writing** by the State. No claim for additional **compensation** shall be made in the absence of a prior **written** agreement.

7. Compliance with Laws and Licensing Requirements.

A. Counsel and his partners and **employees** shall comply with all applicable registration and licensing requirements, rules, standards and codes of conduct governing the practice of law and the transaction of business in Indiana. Counsel shall immediately notify the State if any disciplinary actions are brought against him. Counsel certifies, by entering into this Agreement, that neither he nor any of his partners, associates or any other attorney associated with Counsel is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from entering into this Agreement by any federal agency or by any department, agency or political subdivision of the State of Indiana.

B. As required by IC 5-22-3-7:

(1) the Contractor and any principals of the Contractor **certify** that (A) the Contractor, except for de minimis and nonsystematic violations, has not violated the terms of (i) IC 24-4.7 [Telephone Solicitation Of Consumers], (ii) IC 24-5-12 [Telephone Solicitations] , or (iii) IC 24-5-14 [Regulation of Automatic Dialing Machines] in the previous three hundred sixty-five (365) days, even if IC 24-4.7 is preempted by federal law; and (B) the Contractor will not violate the terms of IC 24-4.7 for the duration of the Contract, even if IC 24-4.7 is preempted by federal law.

(2) The Contractor and any principals of the Contractor **certify** that an affiliate or principal of the Contractor and any agent acting on behalf of the Contractor or on behalf of an

affiliate or principal of the Contractor: (A) except for de minimis and nonsystematic violations, **has** not violated the terms of IC 24-4.7 in the previous three hundred sixty-five (365) days, even if IC 24-4.7 is preempted by federal law; and (B) will not violate the terms of IC 24-4.7 for the duration of the Contract, even if IC 24-4.7 is preempted by federal law.

8. Conflict of Interest.

A. Counsel represents and warrants that, after due and diligent inquiry, he is satisfied that he has no Conflict of Interest (as that term is defined in the *Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct*) that will preclude **him** from providing the Legal Services.

B. Counsel represents and warrants that he has reviewed and is familiar with the statutes and regulations relating to the **ethical** conduct of state employees. Counsel certifies that, after due inquiry, no partner or any spouse or unemancipated child of any partner (collectively, an "Interested Party"), is an employee of the State of Indiana. If an Interested Party is an employee of the State of Iodiana, Counsel shall provide the State with en opinion by the State Ethics Commission indicating that the existence of this Agreement and the **employment** by the State of Indiana of the Interested Party does not violate any statute or regulation relating to the ethical conduct of state employees.

9. Continuity of Services. Counsel recognizes that the Legal Services provided under this Agreement are vital to the State and must be continued without **interruption** and that, upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, a successor, either the State or another Counsel, may continue them. Counsel shall use his best efforts and cooperation to effect an orderly and efficient transition to a successor, and shall be reimbursed for all reasonable transition costs.

10. Disputes.

A. Counsel agrees that, the existence of a dispute notwithstanding, he will continue without delay to **carry** out all his responsibilities under this Agreement that are not affected by the dispute. Should Counsel fail to continue to perform his responsibilities as regards all non-disputed work, any additional costs incurred by the State or Counsel as a result of such failure shall be **borne** by Counsel, and Counsel shall make no claim against the State for such costs.

B. The parties agree to resolve disputes through submission of their dispute to the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Administration. The Commissioner shall reduce a decision to **writing** and maii or **otherwise** furnish a copy thereof to Counsel and the Office of the Attorney General **within** ten (10) working days after presentation of such dispute for action. The Commissioner's decision shall be final and conclusive unless either party mails or **otherwise** furnishes to the Commissioner. **within** ten (10) working days after receipt of the Commissioner's decision. a **written** appeal. Within ten (10) working days of receipt by the Commissioner of a written request for appeal. the decision may be reconsidered. If no reconsideration is provided **within** ten (10) working days. the parties **may** mutually agree to submit the dispute to arbitration for a determination, or **otherwise** the dispute shall be submitted to an Indiana court of competent jurisdiction.

C. The State may withhold payments on disputed items pending resolution of the dispute. The unintentional **nonpayment** by the State of one or more invoices not in dispute in accordance with the **terms** of this Agreement will not be cause for Counsel to terminate this Agreement, and

funds are not appropriated or **otherwise** available to support continuation of performance shall be final and conclusive.

14. Governing Laws. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with, and governed by the laws of the State of Indiana and suit, if any, must be brought in the State of Indiana.

15. Indemnification. Counsel agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Indiana and its agents, officials, and **employees from** all claims and suits, including court costs, attorney's fees, and other expenses caused by any act or omission of Counsel.

16. Independent Contractor. Counsel and the State are acting in their individual capacities and not as employees: partners, joint ventures or associates of one another. The employees or agents of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the employees or agents of the other party for any purposes whatsoever. Neither party will assume **any** liability for any injury to any persons, or **damage to any property**, arising out of the acts or omissions of the **agents**, employees of the other party. Counsel shall be responsible for providing all necessary unemployment and worker's compensation insurance for his employees.

17. Nondiscrimination. As required by IC 22-9-1-10 and the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964. Counsel shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment in the performance of this Agreement with respect to the hire, tenure, **terms**, conditions or privileges of employment or in **any** matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin or ancestry. **Acceptance** of this Agreement signifies compliance with applicable federal laws, regulations, and executive orders prohibiting discrimination in the provision of **services** based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, disability or status as a veteran.

18. Notice to Parties. Whenever any notice, statement or other communication is required under this Agreement, it shall be sent to the following addresses by U.S. first class mail, postage prepaid.

A. Notice to the State shall be sent to:
Chuck Todd
Office of the Attorney General
302 W. Washington St., ICGS 5th Fl.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

B. Notice to Counsel shall be sent to:
William Jonelis
9337 Calumet Avenue
Munster, IN 46321

19. Penalties/Interest/Attorney's Fees. The State will in good faith perform its required obligations hereunder and does not agree to pay any penalties, liquidated damages: interest, or attorney's fees, except as required by Indiana law, in part, IC 5-17-5-1 *et seq.*, IC 34-54-8-5, and IC 34-13-1-6.

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- 20. Severability.** The invalidity of any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, clauses or provisions.
- 21. Taxes.** The State of Indiana is exempt from state, federal and local taxes. The State will not be responsible for any taxes levied on Counsel as a result of this Agreement.
- 22. Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated, in whole or in part, by the State whenever, for any reason, the State determines that such termination is in the best interest of the State. Termination of services shall be affected by delivery to the Counsel of a Termination Notice at least fifteen (15) business days prior to the termination effective date, specifying the extent to which performance of services under such termination becomes effective. The State will not be liable for services performed after effective date of termination. Counsel may terminate this Agreement as provided by Rule 1.16, *Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct*.
- 23. Travel.** The State will not reimburse for travel expenses incurred under this Agreement. The flat fee schedule set forth in paragraph 2, above, has been calculated to take into account Counsel's travel time and expenses.
- 24. Waiver of Rights.** No right conferred on either party under this Agreement shall be deemed waived and no breach of this Agreement excused, unless such waiver or excuse shall be in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived such right.
- 25. Binding Authority; Non-Collusion and Acceptance.** The undersigned attests, subject to the penalties for **perjury**, he is duly authorized to execute this Agreement, and that he has not, directly or indirectly, entered into or offered to enter into any combination, collusion, or agreement to receive or pay, and that he has not received or paid, any sum of money or other consideration for the execution of this Agreement, other than that which appears upon the face of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Counsel and the State by their duly authorized representatives have executed this Agreement as of the dates set forth below.

William M. Jonelis

Indiana Office of the Attorney General

Indiana Attorney # 501845

By: [Signature] (for)
Stephen Carter, Attorney General

Date: 4/14/06

Date: 4/18/06

Approved by
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Approved by
STATE BUDGET AGENCY

By: [Signature] (for)
Earl Goode, Commissioner

By: [Signature] (for)
Charles Schalliol, Director

Date: 4-19-06

Date: 4-24-06

Approved As To Form And Legality:

By: [Signature] (for)
Stephen Carter, Attorney General

Date: 4/27/06